

Bay Area Council, USAID, and, most importantly, the team of American volunteers and their Russian counterparts who have worked together to develop new models for promoting tolerance and diversity.

We have all witnessed the tragic consequences of ethnic hatred and religious intolerance. It is our solemn obligation to work together to ensure that tolerance and understanding prevails. I commend and congratulate the Climate of Trust Program of the Bay Area Council for Jewish Rescue and Renewal for their tireless efforts in these areas, and I look forward to working with them again in the future.●

HONORING BETTY FRIEDAN

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Betty Friedan. She opened the minds of Americans to the possibility of a new role for women in our country. She provided the spark that has helped make the ambitions of so many women come true.

This spark helped me realize my own dreams. It allowed me to become a social worker, a Baltimore City councilwoman, a U.S. Congresswoman, and now a U.S. Senator. Betty Friedan's spark inspired women to realize our full potential.

Betty Friedan was born Bettye Goldstein in Peoria, IL, in 1921. She graduated summa cum laude from Smith College in 1942 before accepting a fellowship for graduate study in psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. She did not finish her fellowship at Berkeley, however, because a male friend at the time discouraged her from doing so. This may have been the beginning of Betty Friedan's awareness of the troubled station women were expected to fill.

In 1947, Betty Goldstein married Carl Friedan. The newlyweds moved to a home in suburban New York and started a family. It was during this time that Ms. Friedan began to consider why she and so many of the women she knew yearned for more choices on how to live their lives. Her book, the "Feminine Mystique", is considered one of the most influential works of the 20th century. In it, she examined the issues of limited choices and limited career prospects for American women. "The Feminine Mystique" changed the face of America.

"The Feminine Mystique" challenged American society to reevaluate the role of women in our country. The feminism that Betty Friedan embraced provided a spark for people like me to speak up and speak out.

Ms. Friedan founded the National Organization for Women in 1966, where she served as the first president, before going on to found NARAL in 1969.

Two years later, I entered my first race for public office and won a seat on the Baltimore City Council. I then joined Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem and many other women in founding the National Women's Political Caucus.

Betty Friedan paved the way for women when she wrote "The Feminine Mystique" and she devoted the rest of her life to the cause of equality, vaulting it to the forefront of the American conscience. Ms. Friedan was an unwavering advocate for equality, justice, women, and positive change.

I honor Betty Friedan for her courage and her creativity—and thank her for all that she did for me and for women everywhere.●

KETCHIKAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a very special person: Sherrie Slick of Ketchikan, AK, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet on January 14, 2006.

This year's award was given based on community service and volunteerism. Before her name was announced, Alaska's Governor described volunteers as "quiet heroes who often are taken for granted because they're always there and doing their jobs, and doing something for someone else is reward enough for them." For those who know Sherrie, the "quiet" part of that description doesn't quite fit—but in every other respect, that was an almost perfect description of one of the most energetic and active people I know—a woman who could have been the model for the "Energizer Bunny."

I have known Sherrie for many years. I have been the recipient of her hospitality and now have the pleasure of working with her in her capacity as the community representative for the Alaska congressional delegation. When you need to know what is new, what is hot, and what is happening in town, she is the woman to know.

Sherrie is a 32 year resident of Ketchikan with two children who attended the local schools. She is now immersed in her role as a grandmother and loving it. Her dedication to family, community, and career is universally recognized by friends and associates.

Sherrie served on the local chamber of commerce's board of directors for 9 years, including a stint as president, and continues to be active on the chamber's transportation committee. She has spent 8 years on the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau's board of directors, including a year as its chairman, and is a member of the group's marketing committee. She served on the Ketchikan Overall Economic Development Committee for 4 years. She participates each year in the development of Ketchikan's legislative priorities and travels to Juneau as a representative of the community to lobby the Alaska legislature for support on local projects.

Sherrie put in many hours as the community organized public workshops and meetings for the Gravina Access Project. She helped provide information that was key to advancing the growth and economic development of

the Ketchikan Shipyard and remains an active supporter of the Ketchikan elements of the southeast Alaska power intertie. She helped facilitate the planning and preparation that helped bring the NOAA research vessel *Fairweather* to Ketchikan. For years, she has gone far beyond the requirements of her job in counseling and providing information to local fishermen on high seas drift net legislation, the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and innumerable other issues of concern.

Sherrie has played active roles with Ketchikan Theatre Ballet, Ketchikan Soccer League, Ketchikan Killer Whales Swimming Club, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball, and Junior High and the KayHi Drill Teams.

Finally, as the Alaska congressional delegation's "woman on the spot," she has been instrumental in assisting local governments, businesses, and individuals to prepare and advocate for Federal government actions. She is an outstanding liaison between the congressional delegation and its constituents, with an unparalleled understanding and knowledge not only of Ketchikan, but also of surrounding communities; and there is no one better at planning the details so that every visit from a delegation member goes smoothly and productively.

Sherrie is wise, energetic, and delightfully entertaining. Ketchikan could have picked no finer person for this honor, and I am very proud to know this fine Alaskan. Congratulations, Sherrie Slick, "Ketchikan Citizen of the Year."●

TRIBUTE TO MITCH MUSTAIN

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor an outstanding student athlete from Springdale, AR, Mitch Mustain. As I am sure many of you know, Mitch was named the 2005 Gatorade National High School Football Player of the Year and the Player of the Year on Parade Magazine's 43rd annual All-America High School Football Team. He received these awards not only for his outstanding leadership and athletic skill but also for his academic achievements and overall character.

During the 2005 season, senior quarterback Mitch Mustain led Springdale High School to a No. 2 national ranking and the State Class 5A title. He completed 190 passes for 3,817 yards and 47 touchdowns. He also rushed for seven scores and was sacked only twice. In the school's 54 to 20 state final win, Mitch connected on 17 passes for 5 touchdowns.

I also take this opportunity to say how proud and excited I am that Mitch Mustain has signed with my alma mater, the University of Arkansas. I foresee great things ahead for the Razorbacks.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me today in "Calling the Hogs" in